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TO: Summit County Board of Health
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R Lopez
RE: BOCC and BOH Joint Work Session of April 8, 2021
DATE: April 8, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via Zoom): Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Attorney; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Molly Boyd, Human Resources Director; Amy Wineland, Public Health Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director, Andy Atencio, IS Director; Janet Wolfson, Economic Security Program Supervisor; Tara Gourdin, Emergency Management Specialist; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.,

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Amy Kemp, Andee Skinner, Bec Bale, Blair McGary, Carol Kresge, Cea Mills, Corry Mihm, Don Parsons, Hal Vatcher, Helen Cospolich, Jay Nelson, Jenn Oese, Jenna deJohn, Kai Miller, Katie Knoll, Laurie Lippert, Louise Denny, Melany Beck, Mikki Grebetz, Peter Siegel, Pinna Gallant; Thomas Resignolo, John Wilkerson, Tara Olson, and others who did not sign in.

I. Standing Agenda Items/Updates

a) Public Health Director Updates

i. Local and Regional/State COVID Case and Hospitalization Statistics and Trends

Amy Wineland gave an update on the latest case data.

Summary Epi Trends

- Cases, percent positivity, hospitalizations increasing. Colorado appears to be entering a 4th wave.
- No clear increase in deaths at this time.
- Update on Variants
 - 931 cases if the B.1.1.7 (UK) variant of concern
 - 24 cases of the B.1.351 (South Africa) variant of concern
 - 359 cases of the B.1.427/B.1.429 (CA) variant of concern
 - 2 cases of the P.1 (Brazil) NEW
 - 29 cases of the B.1.526.2 (NYC) variant under investigation
 - 2 cases of the P.2 (Brazil- NOT P.1) variant under investigation
- Currently 43-45% of the specimens we are testing weekly by whole genome sequencing are the B.1.1.7 variant, 18-20% are the B.1.427/B.1.429 variant.
- Currently, Summit County has the highest number of positive cases in the state.

Key Messages

- We remain at a very uncertain point in the pandemic in Colorado. Hospitalizations were at a plateau for over a month but have started to increase. The future direction of the epidemic curve is uncertain.
- Based on data through 3/29, we estimate that transmission control has dropped sharply over the short
- The benefits of vaccination continue to be realized. We estimate transmission control has improved slightly from 65% last week to 68%. The effective reproductive number remains above 1 at 1.14 indicating growth. One in 207 people in Colorado are currently infections. There is considerable uncertainty around these estimates.
- The benefits of vaccination continue to be realized. We estimate that approximately 27% of Coloradans are currently immune due to vaccination and/or prior infection. Of those 65+, approximately 68% are immune and hospitalizations are declining among those 70+.
- We conducted a statistical analysis of the potential impact of removal of mask mandates and the Colorado COVID-19 Dial and used these estimates to project COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths in Colorado under different policy scenarios.
- Delaying policy changes until mid-May will prevent large number of deaths and hospitalizations.
- If vaccinations continue as planned, major policy changes could be adopted in May without a major increase in hospitalizations or COVID-19 deaths.
- Variant growth, the future trajectory, and how policy changes will impact behaviors are major sources of uncertainty. Rapid growth of the B.1.1.7 variant or increases in hospitalizations would signal a need for caution in adopting further policy changes in the next few weeks.

Variant Cases To Date

- B.1.1.7 (UK) – 17 cases
- B.1.429 (CA) – 5 cases
- B.1.526.2 (NYC) – 1 case

ii. Local Testing Statistics and Program Update

Centura Health will be moving into a new testing location at the Senior and Community Center on April 26-27, 2021, and will be open on April 28, 2021. The Vail Health testing sites in Breckenridge and Silverthorne will remain open through June.

iii. Vaccine Distribution Update

A vaccination mega POD was held today, for the General Public, and another one is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday, April 9, 2021. The Public Health Department will open clinics based on availability of vaccination on a weekly basis. Ms. Wineland reminded of the importance of pre-registering at <https://www.comassvax.org/>.

Commissioners discusses the vaccine allocation amounts to the county, as well as vaccination for High School students 16+. Ms. Wineland said that the Community Care Clinic will be conducting drive-through Pods at the High School on Wednesdays, but will depend on how many sign up in order to use the doses.

For additional vaccination pre-registration details, please visit Summit County's website at <https://www.summitcountyco.gov/1423/Scheduling-Vaccinations>

iv. Transmission Trends

Contact Tracing Trends

- Case Numbers 4/01/2021 – 4/08/2021 = 112
- Increase in social gathering outbreaks. We have reported 3 in the past week and will be reporting one more today on the county website
- Cases are on younger individuals (mid 20s)
- Household transmission continues to be a factor, and a few big families have tested positive

b) Public Health Order Update – Discussion of Any Changes

Scott Vargo and Amy Wineland discussed the state's decision to move away from the COVID-19 Dial, and gave an overview of the adjusted Dial version the county will adopt starting on April 16, 2021.

The county requested input from many sources in the community, including the Board of Health, recovery groups, events groups, the hospital, 5-Star Committee, as well as other resort and Front Range Local Public Health Associations. The goal was to find a balance that would keep the community moving forward while reducing the risk of infections, and avoiding overwhelming our health care system.

Context

- Devolution of the state dial expected on 4/16/21.
- 73.9% of 70+ individuals have been vaccinated; 58.2% have received at least one dose.
 - Summit County has the 5th highest rate of vaccine administered in the state
- Local hospital capacity has never been surged
- Summit County cases are the highest in the state
 - Local visitation declining as resorts ramp down

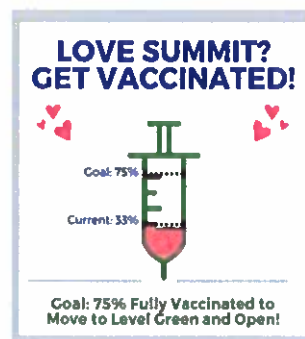
Cautious Reopening

- **Phase 1 – April 16, 2021**
 - Follow local Public Health Order and Dial with adjusted metrics specific to Summit County
 - The plan is to move the county back into Level Yellow on Friday, April 16, 2021
- **Phase 2 – May 27, 2021**
 - Removal of the dial and most restrictions if vaccination goals and/or green level metrics are reached
 - Possible continuation of indoor mask order and indoor event capacity limits
- **Reaching Level GREEN**
 - Reach goal of 75% of 16+ fully vaccinated
 - Traditional Dial metrics

Vaccination Metrics

Based on the 2018 Census, county population 16+ is 26,837

- April 8th fully vaccinated: 32% (8,587)
- April 16th estimated: 55% (14,760)
- **May 27th goal: 75% (20,127)**



Changes to Local Restrictions

- Lift the 2-household/10-person restriction in restaurants and lodging
 - Refer to CDC guidance, even in Level Orange
- Eliminate contact/info collection for lodging, restaurants, etc.
- Alcohol in restaurants: maintain existing hours until Level Green is achieved
- 6 feet distancing remains indoors for restaurants, and 3 feet for patio seating

- Mask Order remains in effect for indoor public spaces, including public transportation, and outdoor public spaces, when within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes.
- Otherwise follow local Public Health Order and Dial with new metrics

	LEVEL GREEN: PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORS	LEVEL BLUE: CAUTION	LEVEL YELLOW: CONCERN	LEVEL ORANGE: HIGH RISK	LEVEL RED: SEVERE RISK	LEVEL PURPLE: EXTREME RISK
7 DAY INCIDENCE LEVEL (excluding cases of residents in congregate facilities)	0-100 per 100,000	100-200 cases per 100,000	201-500 cases per 100,000	500+ cases per 100,000	Hospital capacity \geq 80%	Statewide Hospital Capacity is threatened:
PERCENT TESTING POSITIVITY	No greater than 5%	No greater than 5%	No greater than 10%	No greater than 15%	Greater than 15%	Approaching the need for medical crisis standards of care. Utilizing alternative care sites.
HOSPITALIZATION (STABLE OR DECLINING?)	Sufficient local hospital bed capacity. Note: if local hospital capacity is threatened, county will move back to a more restrictive level.	Hospitalizations stable or declining	Hospitalizations stable or declining	Hospitalizations stable or declining	Regional or state hospital system capacity is \geq 85%	Critical shortages of PPE or staff. Or hospitals approaching 90% of their reported surge capacity.

Note: SC will move right on the table (more restrictive) if hospital capacity is threatened. SC will not move right due to increasing incidence or percent positivity in general. In order to move left, metrics must meet or exceed the less restrictive Dial color for 7 consecutive days.

Mask Order Extension

Masks are required in indoor public places, including public transportation, and outdoors if within 6 feet for an extended period of time (e.g. concert at amphitheater). Not on a public street or when passing someone on a trail.

Commissioners discussed the new metrics and the reasons for maintaining the restrictions. They also reminded everyone that these guidelines are still in the drafting process.

c) **5-Star Program Update**

There are no changes to the 5-Star Certification Program. Keep current rules until the county achieves Level Green metrics of vaccination goal

d) **Communications Update and Discussion**

Nicole Valentine said the focus is on vaccination encouraging the community to sign up for the vaccine and remind that this will help the county as a whole. They will send out postcards with information on how to sign up for vaccines. The Business Town Hall will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 9am on Facebook.

e) **Emergency Management Update**

Brian Bovaird gave an update on this week's vaccination PODs and reported that over 1,000 doses were administered today.

f) Economic Recovery and Support Program Updates

Bentley Henderson gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce’s Economic Dashboard.

g) Community Indicators and Programs

The Family & Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) reported to Sarah Vaine that they are seeing more people leave the community and moving elsewhere. Not only because they cannot afford housing, but because many property owners are not renewing leases, and there is no rental inventory. Additionally, many families have incurred significant credit card debt and depleted any savings they had.

The FIRC is going to a model where they work with local farmers to include more fruits, vegetables, dairy and meat, and give people more choice at the food bank so they can choose what they want rather than just receive a box of food.

According to Human Services, requests for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) assistance have been trending down, but are expected to increase as we move into slow season and resorts begin closing. Food home delivery for people in Isolation or Quarantine has increased, which is not surprising given the increased numbers.

II. Open BOH/BOCC Discussion, As Needed

Summit County’s Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on *Get COVID-19 Info and Updates*.

III. Discussion of Confidential Real Estate Negotiation Matters and Receive Legal Advice. (Manager, Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

Scott Vargo and Jeff Huntley and requested an Executive Session to discuss Confidential Real Estate Negotiations and receive legal advice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to discuss confidential real estate negotiations and receive legal advice. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



Sara R. Lopez
Sara R. Lopez, Deputy Clerk

Elisabeth Lawrence
Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair